

## **NCC Minutes 1/18/10**

Open meeting: 7:05 p.m.

Present: A. Watts, D. Mason, S. Shope, R. Konisky, L. Carroll, L. Hill, Newfields resident Peter Allen

### **1) Administrative Business:**

- a) Treasurer's report: A. Watts motions to accept, L. Carroll seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Minutes 12/21/09: D. Mason motions to accept as amended, S. Shope seconds, all in favor YES.

### **2) Old Business:**

- a) Vienneau subdivision: Has gone back to the Planning Board but A. Watts thinks they are just continuing it until they can make a decision.
- b) L. Carroll- Wondering if we, as a board, should look into the idea of shared septic systems. R. Konisky stated the concept is being generally discussed and that any mandates will probably come from the federal and/or state levels.
- c) A. Watts suggested that it may be more effective for us to educate the public on how their practices in their own yards (i.e. lawn care) can impact water quality. Perhaps sending out an informational leaflet in the spring. R. Konisky agreed and stated that we may be able to use Dept. of Agriculture and the EPA as sources for information. Need to investigate what the major sources of nitrogen in Newfields are- septic, lawns? P. Allen asked what the reference is re: the nitrogen problem. R. Konisky replied that studies have shown a 40% increase in nitrogen levels in Great Bay over the last 25 years severely depleting the eel grass as well as other impacts. He would like to have someone come talk to us about the issue.
- d) A. Watts stated that no one from the NCC was able to attend the Zoning Board meeting regarding the barn in the wetlands setback. We were only aware of the issue through back channels and she feels that the NCC should be consulted on these issues as a matter of routine. Clay Mitchell stopped in and explained that town ordinance does not require this. He agrees that we should be notified and recommended that we request S. McKinnon to include us on the distribution list or work to change the ordinance.

### **3) New Business:**

- a) Grant available for development and improvement of public recreation facilities. Application due 4/10.
- b) NCC terms: S. Shope, L. Hill and R. Labranches' terms are up. D. Mason will contact R. LaBranche. P. Allen may be interested in joining the commission. Those wanting to renew need to write to the Selectmen.

Adjourn 8:05

NCC member L. Hill 1/18/10